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Experts And The Public Agree: Democrat Health Care Plan Adds To Deficit

“Health reform is part of deficit reform.” *President Barack Obama*, [Remarks to the Families USA Conference](#) (January 27, 2011)

“How, then, does the ACA magically convert \$1 trillion in new spending into painless deficit reduction? **It's all about budget gimmicks, deceptive accounting, and implausible assumptions used to create the false impression of fiscal discipline.**” *Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Joseph Antos, and James C. Capretta*, “[Health Care Repeal Won't Add to the Deficit](#)” (January 19, 2011)

“Rising health costs will put tremendous pressure on the federal budget during the next few decades and beyond. In CBO’s judgment, **the health legislation enacted earlier this year does not substantially diminish that pressure.**” *Congressional Budget Office*, [Health Costs and the Federal Budget](#) (May 26, 2010)

“[Medicare Chief Actuary Richard] Foster was asked by Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Calif., for a simple true or false response on two of the main assertions made by supporters of the law: that it will bring down unsustainable medical costs and will let people keep their current health insurance if they like it. **On the costs issue, ‘I would say false, more so than true,’ Foster responded.**” *Associated Press*, “[Medicare official doubts health care law savings](#)” (January 26, 2011)

“The idea that Obama's health care law saves money for the government is **based on assumptions that are arguable, at best.**” *Associated Press*, “[Obama's remarks get a fact-check](#)” (January 26, 2011)

“Trust fund accounting considers the same lower expenditures and additional revenues as extending the exhaustion date of the Part A trust fund. **In practice, the improved Part A financing cannot be simultaneously used to finance other Federal outlays... and to extend the trust fund.**” *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services*, [Estimated Effects of the “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act”](#) (April 22, 2010)

“Thus, the legislation’s effects on the rest of the budget—other than [Medicare savings]—**would amount to a net *increase* in federal deficits of \$260 billion** [from 2010 through 2019].” [emphasis in original] *Congressional Budget Office*, [Letter to Rep. Paul Ryan](#) (March 19, 2010)

“**Six in ten Americans think the law will increase the deficit over the next ten years.**” Only 11 percent of those surveyed think it will reduce the deficit. *Kaiser Family Foundation*, [The Public’s Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress](#) (January 25, 2011)

Bottom Line: Obama’s health care plan adds nearly \$700 billion to the deficit in the first ten years alone.

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